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Galante's Vision

By Glenn Llopis

LOYALTY. In simple, yet factual terms (as Jack best articulates), loyalty is what best describes Jack Galante, his employees and his winery vision. With a strong appreciation for, and dedication to the local community, its people and the land, Jack Galante takes pride in offering the finest quality wine into the marketplace. As Jack greeted me with a glass of his first commercially produced wine (1994 Galante Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon; Blackjack Pasture), his hospitality and enthusiasm for premium wine making was evident.

A fifth generation Californian and heir to a long family tradition in Monterey County, Jack started to form the building blocks for his winery vision when, in 1983, the Galantes decided to expand and diversify their existing 700 acres of land to support 60 acres of planted vineyard and 4 acres of garden roses. Originally purchased in 1969 to serve as a cattle ranch, the Galante family always enjoyed and respected the countryside. However, in 1990 Jack officially took control of the daily operations and in 1994 he built "an ultra-premium winery" that today continues to represent the countryside and "western" traditions that are popular amongst the Cachagua community.

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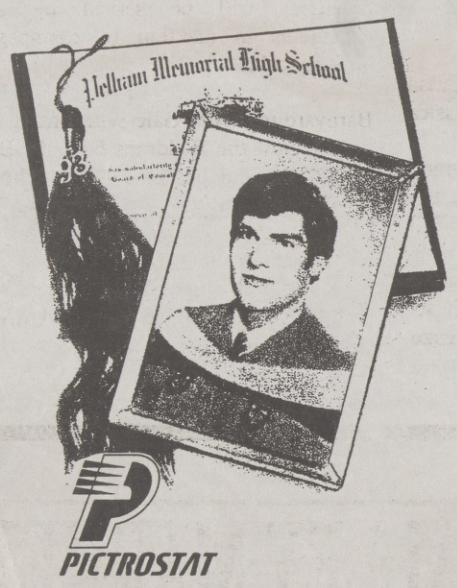

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Rosenberg Discusses Active Faults in Monterey County

On June 11 Geologist Lew Rosenberg made a presentation regarding active and potentially active earthquake faults on the Monterey Peninsula to the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association and the Tierra Grande Homeowner's Association. In 1994 Rosenberg was awarded a grant by the U.S. Geological Society to locate unmapped faults on the Monterey Peninsula, he found that faulting is more prevalent than previously acknowledged.

While Rosenburg has mapped several active and potentially active faults not currently on planning maps on the Peninsula, he does not foresee major action on these faults. Rather, he suggests not building homes, schools, or other structures on these earthquake faults. How obvious, one might say. Perhaps, but Rosenberg said planners are using outdated maps that do not show many active faults.

Before you pack your bags and move, an active fault is one that has moved in the past 11,000 years. Furthermore, some active faults, such as the Sylvan Thrust Fault which runs through La Mesa School, has had a lot of recent activity with several earthquakes in the past year. But, their magnitude has been in the 0-2 on the Richter Scale range. So while these faults may not cause major damage, if a fault line went through your home, you might see some displacement.

Rosenberg said he "advocates looking (at earthquake hazards) before you build - not after." If you have already built, there are things a homeowner can do to make an existing structure safer.

Rosenberg sees a problem of a rapidly growing population on the Monterey Peninsula with a perception of no earthquake hazard. He said there are many unmapped active faults and little current information available to planners. Most of the mapping in this area was done a long time ago as research projects by Stanford and U.C. Berkeley.

While Rosenberg said "You can watch lettuce grow faster than you can see faults move around here" he said recent development and road cuts have exposed many faults not previously known to exist.

Rosenberg believes the Tularcitos Fault, which runs through Carmel Valley, to be active, having moved in the last 8,000 years, but County maps show it is as inactive. Rosenberg also believes the Hatton Canyon Fault to be active, having moved in the last 2,000 years, which runs through Pacific Meadows.

In relation to earthquake hazard and the Dam on the Carmel River, Rosenberg said "There are lots of good reasons not to build the dam, but earthquake hazard isn't one of them." He said there is a fault that runs right through the proposed dam but that it is inactive. The Tularcitos fault poses more of a threat but Rosenberg said that has been taken into account in the dam's design.

Rosenberg is continuing his research and mapping and has supplied his data to Monterey County planners. However, in the end, it comes down to the homeowner being informed. Is your house sitting on a fault? Rosenberg's maps can be located on the internet at http: //wrgis.wr.usgs.gov

Cal-Am Receives Support for its Water Conservation Plan

At the June 17th Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) meeting, Cal-Am presented its phased water conservation plan. "The Conservation Plan is necessary to meet the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order WR 95-10 to reduce annual Cal-Am production of water from Carmel Valley by 20%," said Larry Foy, vice-president and general manager of Cal-Am.

The plan was generated in response to a May 15 letter from the SWRCB which told Cal-Am to submit an acceptable plan to comply with Order 95-10. The letter went on to say that failure to do so "may result in a referral of this matter to the Attorney General's Office requesting injunctive relief imposing a pumping schedule."

The MPWMD supported implementing Phase I and II of the conservation plan on a voluntary basis beginning July 1. Cal-Am filed the conservation plan with the SWRCB on May 30, 1997 and the California Public Utilities Commission on June 3, 1997.

Phase I includes a public awareness campaign by Cal-Am and participation in the toilet retrofit program. Consumer responsibilities include restaurants to provide water only on request and for hotels to change linens only upon request and a prohibition of outdoor watering from 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Phase II includes limitations of water use in cleaning driveways, building, construction, landscaping, and decorative fountains. Phase III involves mandatory conservation measures and phase VI provides enforcement measures including flow-restricting devices.

MPWMD Director Ely noted that Cal-Am can not enforce the conservation plan until it is approved by the PUC, which it has indicated may take until August 1. Foy said while it may take the PUC a while to approve the plan, "Whether it is approved tomorrow or in 30 days, we still have a problem we must address."

The conservation plan provides for Cal-Am to initiate the next conservation phase after production has reached 105% of its production limitations outlined on SWRCS Order 95-10 for two consecutive months. A change to a less restrictive phase will occur if Cal-Am production is 100% or less than its production limitations for a three month consecutive period.

Foy said there will not be a specific gallon per day per person restriction. In 1988 Cal-Am asked customers to conserve by 20% and they achieved 30%. Larry Foy noted that Cal-Am customers already consume water at a low rate but that more is needed.

Cal-Am is limited to diverting a maximum of 11,285 acre feet for the October 1996-Spetember 1997 water year. In the first six months of the water year, Cal-Am pumped 5,431 acre feet and must reduce pumping by 19% from last year's levels in the next six months to meet the limitation.

SWRCB Order 95-10 was issued after complaints from several groups about the declining state of the Carmel River. The SWRCB determined that 10,730 acre feet of water diverted from the Carmel River by Cal-Am was done so without a legal right. Order 95-10 requires the illegally diverted water to be replaced and for a 20% cutback in production in the interim.

May Tularcitos Academic Excellence Awards

Language Arts: Patrick Hale, Marisa Mahoney, Sam Pitnick, Cole Kinnear, Jessica Richter, and Ashley Urgo.

Science: Matt Rankin, Trevor Ingram, Elizabeth Warren, and Pat Call. Math: Catlin Dini, Jessica Hightower, J.P. Meckel, Bill Birdsong, Danny Sensenderfer, and Gianna Abbriano.

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Barnyard Celebrates 21st Birthday

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From 2-3pm there will be a guided historic Barnyard tour with Gale Wrausmann. She will discuss how the Waldrups built the Barnyard, the history and purchase of the Thunderbird Bookshop, how the wind mill was acquired and transported, how the garden was developed and other Barnyard history.

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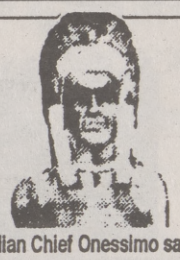

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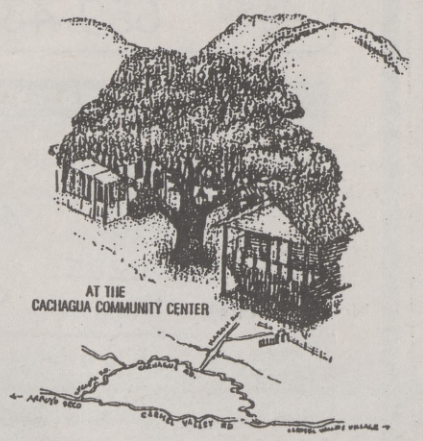

Galante's Vision

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"It's important that we preserve the roots of Carmel Valley." - Jack Galante

feet in the hills of Cachagua just above Carmel Valley, represents one of natures finest landscapes. The Galante Estate offers a relaxing and educational environment for all ages. As Jack noted, "We encourage visitation (tasting by appointment only). We want the people of Carmel Valley to know its history. It's important that we preserve the roots of Carmel Valley." This importance of local community awareness and participation has also been a significant part of Jack Galante's vision. In fact, the Galante Estate will be hosting the 1997 Summer Sounds Series (co-sponsored by KPIG 107.5 and Magic 63) that benefits the Cachagua Community Center and Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. This highly anticipated Summer Sounds Series Spectacular will kick-off on July 5th with Bobby Valentino (direct from London), followed by the Cajun Festival on August 2nd and the finale Asleep at the Wheel "Dance the Grass Off" on August 30th. What makes this event special is that it is held outside on the grounds of the Galante Estate where a specially designed stage is built to amplify the sound for the crowd's enjoyment. For tickets and information call 1-800-GALANTE.

The Galante Estate also supports one of the finest garden rose centers, Galante Garden Roses. In fact, Galante Garden Roses is the largest grower of cut garden roses in the state of California with more than 12,000 rose bushes and 90 varieties. To witness this floral arrangement and presentation will leave you intrigued with the attention to detail that is part of Jack Galante's vision. What is more impressive is how Jack took the time to explain the most intimate details of the roses growing cycles along with their distinct features.

This combination of a relaxing atmosphere, the Summer Sounds Series and premium grade roses defines the most consistent characteristic of Jack Galante's "passion for enjoyment" - QUALITY. This passion for quality is where the Galante Winery story begins.

After spending a decade perfecting the viticultural process, Jack Galante's focus was the development of an ultra-premium wine that would create new quality standards for the high-end wine category. As Jack stated, "I look at myself as the competition". Jack is a student of viticulture and takes special time to work closely with key management staff members to determine the most effective methods for wine making. The determination that exists throughout the 6 member Galante management team (in addition to support staff members) is contagious. All members focus on quality from the vine to the bottle.

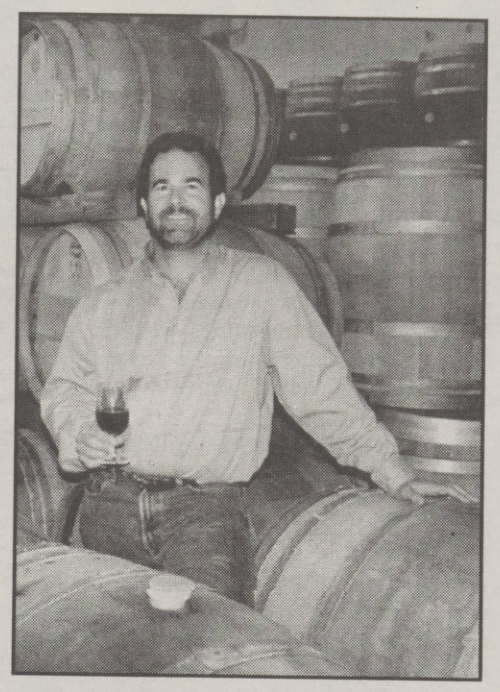
Galante's ultra-premium wines focus on targeting and establishing a loyal high-end customer base (only 3% of the wine consuming public; a "super-niche" clientele). With only 1970 cases of 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon produced in support of the first commercially introduced varieties (Blackjack Pasture and Red Rose Hill), managing supply and demand is no easy task. Supported by Alexia Moore

distributors, Galante's objective is to supply the local community and its high-end consumer base. Primarily distributed in high-end retail stores and restaurants throughout the Monterey Bay, Oakland, and San Francisco; Galante has received quality and product demand recognition throughout the United States. Jack Galante's ultra-premium wine-making magic was recognized as the Galante Vineyards 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon varieties were awarded a two-star rating from WINE CONNOISSEURS MAGAZINE and honored with the Grand Harvest Medal Award from VINEYARD and WINERY MANAGEMENT.

As we carefully compared the fine "body and aroma" characteristics of the 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon Blackjack Pasture and Red Rose Hill varieties, Jack raised his glass with a smile and said, "our quality has been recognized by customers outside of California into a small area in Ohio with new interest developing throughout New York, Arkansas and Florida". With a glare of thankfulness in his eyes, Galante remarked, "it excites me to talk with our customers and understand their needs. I enjoy taking the time to greet and meet with our customers." This enthusiasm for getting close to the customers has led Galante to develop a customer appreciation day (to be held July 7th at the Galante Estate). This event is intended to give thanks to Galante's customers in appreciation for their continued support.

Galante Vineyards sends a soft yet strong communication signal to its targeted high-end customer base. Supported by little advertising (due to limited supply and product availability), Galante supports participation in specialty wine trade shows that allow him to get close to the his target customer. As for future growth, Jack has several creative ideas "up-his-sleeve". Nevertheless, for whatever the Galante future may hold, you can rest assured that each step will be carefully crafted, each strategy will be tactically planned and that the Galante customer will be satisfied with the results.

As Jack drove me through the rustic elegance of the Galante Estate, I sat there thinking how special and unique it was to meet a man whose winery vision became a reality; while his loyalty to his local roots, appreciation for the people and dedication for the land continue to grow stronger each day.



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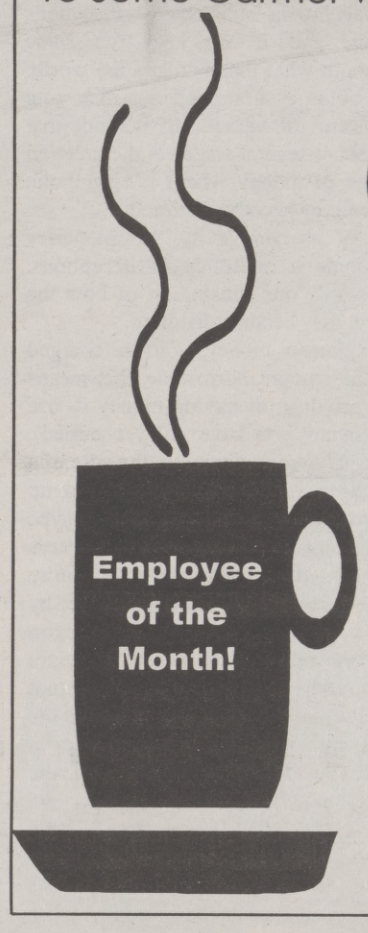

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The Glass House

By Neal Owen Kruse

Money Gone Wrong

The measure of any community can be found in the quality of its interaction between members. There are many types of interaction which make up a community. Simple everyday communication through our language system is one. Another is the exchange of goods and services between community members. We can do this by directly trading one item or service for another, or we can make up another language system called money to allow us greater flexibility.

Here is the description of money given by Thomas Greco (New Money for Healthy Communities): "The process of economic exchange always involves two parties. The fundamental exchange process is the barter exchange. When Smith delivers to Jones a sack of flour and Jones gives to Smith a bushel of apples in return, a complete barter transaction has occurred. Both parties are satisfied, and both have profited from the exchange. The problem with simple barter, of course, is that Jones may want Smith's flour, but he may have nothing that Smith wants. In that case no trade can be made. The fundamental purpose of money is to transcend this limitation of barter."

In order for the system of commerce in any community to function in a healthy manner, it's monetary language system must accurately reflect what it was created to represent. If it does not, or if any distortion or confusion of the language begins to appear, it can begin to cause dysfunction in the community.

Everything would be fine if we just kept trading dollars in direct exchange for goods and services, and if we kept the same agreement about what those dollars are worth. This would be an accurate and non-distorting language system for value. But it's not that simple. There are several stages in the creation and exchange of money where it's symbolic representation may become distorted.

By virtue of its complexity, our monetary system can hide a multitude of deceptions. Following is only one illustration of how the money system may become distorted.

When you borrow money, you are charged interest on the amount borrowed. This means that for the privilege of having money to use right now (money you have not yet earned), you must pay still more money. In the case of a home mortgage, you will sometimes end up paying for your house two times over, maybe more. If you buy everything on credit cards and pay 20% interest, it gets worse. If you're paying for your new stereo three times over by the time it's paid off, who gets the extra money? Not the maker of the stereo. The extra money goes to the credit card company that loaned you the money. They make twice the money the manufacturer does and don't even have to give you anything for it. They make money on their money.

Notice something else. If you already have the money and don't have to borrow, you pay for the stereo just once. The stereo only costs you a third of what it costs the person who has to use his credit card. And if you have money left over after you buy the stereo, you might try loaning it to a friend for 19% interest and make still more.

At some point it will occur to you that if you could just change the laws a little and charge even a higher interest rate, you'd make money even faster. So you make campaign contributions to the politician who promises to crank up the interest rates. Did you know that in the last major election, ninety percent of the winners were the candidates with the most money? That means if you have money, you can buy the politicians who will promise to make you even more.

Of course this is an oversimplification of an extraordinarily complex process, but the point remains. The incestuous inbreeding of money, power, politics and control increasingly turns the system of money into a distorted vehicle for transferring value from those who earn their money into the hands of those who already have lots of it. It also allows those with money to create more of it without giving in exchange anything of true value back to the community. As more and more people figure this out, fewer and fewer of them want to earn their money.

At some point, the monetary language system originally intended to objectively represent real value, no longer does. Because you can make money by just having lots of it, money becomes a commodity all its own. At that point, it ceases to accurately serve the purpose for which it was created. If it can create value in and of itself, it can no longer be trusted as an accurate representation of true value. Once we have instituted this subtle kind of distortion in the money system, we can use that distortion as a sort of lever to make changes in the world or to simply move the money supply around wherever we choose. Kind of handy, don't you think?

A little manipulation of the money system may be healthy, but only if the manipulation is by the people who use it and in full awareness of all implications. Tell me this. Is there anything to stop the FED from raising interest rates 1-½ points tomorrow morning?

Any community which uses the words "…of the people, by the people, and for the people" really should have total control of it's monetary system. If not, the saying may well turn into, "*from* the people, *buy* the people, and *force* the people."

Quote for the week: "He who tampers with the currency robs labor of its bread." --Daniel Webster, 15 Mar 1837.

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By Barbra Alexander

The Lost Art of Bartering

It's seven o'clock Sunday morning when I start to hear car doors slamming in our exceptionally quiet neighborhood. I can hear the laughter of small children and their parent's voices echoing through the morning mist. More cars arrive and people are standing in the street. It's beginning to take on the look of a clearance sale or grand opening but, unless they built one last night, there isn't a store within nine miles. My curiosity piques.

There are now about ten vehicles parked on our street. I was beginning to look for hot dog vendors. Then I realized that I must have missed the signs the night before, because at eight sharp the horde moves as one to a house down the block. A garage sale. The last bastion of the big bargain hunter and social interaction at its best.

One of the reasons Americans love to travel is for the bargain shopping they are able to do in foreign lands. The same people who wouldn't dream of asking for a deal at their local clothing store are in the open markets on some island haggling with a vendor over the price of a brightly colored coral necklace with matching earrings. An attractive gift for a friend back home. Everyone comes away with a feeling of satisfaction. The vendor has made a sale, the shopper got the deal, and the friend will love wearing the gift.

So if we love to bargain so much, why don't we do more of it? As you can probably guess, I have a theory. I believe that we may be the only culture on earth not taught to negotiate from birth. As with anything new, there is fear in the learning process. Do you remember buying your first car? Now that was probably your first experience of not paying the 'sticker' price. Did you like it? Probably not. Many of us still hate the process of car buying so much that *'All Inclusive Value Pricing'* has become a commercial buzz word for some auto manufactures. I wonder if this is a good thing.

Europeans are accustomed to their places of business closing for several hours during the day and reopening late afternoon through mid-evening. The daily shopping takes place during the early evening and it's a family event. People walk the streets greeting friends, and dicker over the prices of fresh meats, fruits and breads. Clothing and household items are also for sale and everyone has a great time. It's a way of life.

I've always enjoyed bargaining, having met and made many friends during my wanderings through the marketplaces and art festivals of every country I've had the pleasure to visit or live in, including this one. Here flea markets and garage sales are representative of the open markets in other nations. I see people having so much fun and getting so much satisfaction out of the process that I wonder why we don't bargain more often.

Perhaps we don't take the time. We're taught that time is money and the bargaining process is more of a social event. Masters at bartering don't do much business by phone either, preferring to watch the other's eyes and expressions while proclaiming the item they want to purchase to be outrageously expensive and not needed anyway, maybe.

In most places the bargaining process takes place over coffee or tea, and takes on the implications of a social visit. It's all very civilized and has an air of respect about it that makes buying anything at a department store with thirty seconds of interaction with a sales clerk seem nothing short of vulgar.

I wonder if it would be so tough to take a few minutes a week to play at the farmers market, eat freshly cooked food, make new friends and come away with marvelous food and hand-crafted artifacts. All at the lowest, bargained for, prices. With that feeling of satisfaction that the money you spent made the day for the vendor who earned it and represented the real value of the item you bought. Even if you must buy for the food, wouldn't it make shopping much more fun to do it in this more relaxed and civilized atmosphere?

Barbra Alexander can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. Hosting the Money Hotline on KSCO AM. You can reach Barbra directly for your Home Loan needs by calling 408 -659-0682.

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GEL does Doc's Nightclub on Friday night.

Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

Tradition Takes Precedence

We meet again. The earth has rotated seven times at a speed of over twenty thousand miles an hour since we last spoke. Does this account for why some people feel they're spinning out of control, and underscore the irony of why some folks feel as if they're standin' still? Well I don't know much about science, but everyone present and accountable at the **Fireman's Ball** at Hidden Valley Center in Carmel Valley this past Saturday were doing anything but standing still. Strike that. There was plenty of standing until the band started a jammin' and the suds started a flowin'. **Papa Clutch and The Shifters** rocked the rafters in that ole shed and everyone had fun. The yearly Fireman's Ball is a great opportunity to touch bases with just about everyone you keep telling yourself "I need to call them one of these days". The after party at the **Running Iron** rocked - as always. See ya next year kids.

Cannery Row - cyberdog's stompin' ground

It's one of those awkward times again (with a life of practice you'd think I'd be well rehearsed for these situations) when my own band **Gel** does the modern rock thing at Doc's Nightclub. Don't get excited, this isn't your chance to throw soft fruit at the columnist. It's a chance to witness the mind melding of ska, pop, punk, samba, hard rock, glam, and paprika; and that's if the Pluto is in line with Mars, and if Sean Jones and Chris Ingram show up, it might sound like music. Let's do an interview with one of the lads from Gel, keyboardist Brian "Cyberdog" Chester, shall we?:

self promoting interviewer: "So Brian, what in your opinion does Gel have to offer to the world of music?"

Cyberdog of Gel: "Well, I sometimes get to wear a nifty powder blue tux."

s.p.i: "What does your mother think of your aspirations toward rock stardom."

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Bands, Billiards,

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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	Margarita Madness $2 Margaritas	"Iguana Jive" 9-1	"Big Rain" 9-1	Milit pool
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"Unshakable Race"	"GEL" opens for "Lovers and Strangers"	"NiteCry"	clos
McGarret's 646-9244	KWAV Martini Underground Adult Contemporary	KMBY w/ DJ Donna $5	KDON w/ DJ Mike Marquez $6	clos
Monterey Billiards 641-0260	"Alligator & his Bayou Blues Band" 9:30pm	"Vera" 7-9pm "Katchabeat" 9:30 pm	"Vegas De Milo" 9:15pm	call
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30 with John Bizarre & Charlie Laborte- $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with John Bizarre & Charlie Laborte followed by music by Foreign Exchange. $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with John Bizarre & Charlie Laborte followed by music by Foreign Exchange. $8	OAS 200 w/K
Viva Monterey 646-1415	Night School - Progressive Music with New Sun Born	Mockingbird Unplugged	Mockingbird Unplugged	Thre Ses Jaz
Whitey's Place 646-8383	Rock & Blues Jam Session featuring Joe Lucido 9pm	Disco Funk with the "Jive Hounds" 9pm	"Freight Train" 10pm $5 cover	Sat Inte

Around Town

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Cyberdog: "She told me to wake up and get a job."
s.p.i.: "Mr. Dog, do you have anything of value at all to add to this interview."
Cyberdog: "Uh, can you repeat the question."
s.p.i: "That's O.K. Brian, we get the picture."

Wasn't that informative. No? Well did you know that Gel is the only band from Monterey to have a single played regularly on major modern rock stations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and .....**HALT!** Knock it off Matt, they've heard quite enough horn tooting out of you for the next year. Just try and make the show and **Lovers and Strangers** will be your reward after we're through. We'll even play the stuff you've heard on KMBY (sorry, I needed one last plug). Show time 9:30 sharp, cover $2.

Other note worthy news at Doc's, Bay Area blues band **NiteCry** returns to the club this Saturday after three previously jam packed shows. This will be a pre -blues festival party of sorts for the gang. **Unshakable Race** does the reggae/world beat thing (very well we may add) tonight and next Tuesday, while **Andy Santana and The West Coast Playboys** watch guard on Wednesday. I haven't seen Andy and the boys yet so let's review it together. See you there.

Whitey's regulars **Freight Train** pulls into town Saturday night at ten. Man that lead singer has the pipes to deliver the goods. This is clearly one of the most polished musical acts in town. You've heard me describe them as "Black Crowsy", which is accurate, although I think the singer of F.T. may have one up on Robinson. Rumor has it, and quite appropriately to say the least, that Chris Robinson the lead singer of The Crows will most likely produce Freight Train's emanate major label debut. The boys have recently landed a publishing deal (the rights to the songs) from Warner Chapel (Warner Brothers music publishing company). The Train laid its demo tracks (Get it tracks? Yeah they get it funny man. Your a regular Johnny Carson) at Carmel Digital, Roger Masson's killer studio in Carmel Valley. I was so impressed by the place when Gel (just can't stop can I?) recorded there, that I'll talk about the operation more in the next couple of weeks (It'll be my little gift to the local music community. We can't hoard the place all to ourselves now can we?!)

Big Rain is gonna fall on Bluefin Billiards this Saturday from 9 - til your good and wet. Big rain is a combo of blues, jazz, rock, and funk that "keep falling on your head" (no they don't do Burt's classic). They describe themselves as "tropical funk", with the nucleus of the group being the duo of Peter Alalmo and Bruce Guynn. With a piano, hammond organ, drums, percussion, bass, guitar, flute, and saxophone in any combination and the drizzle becomes a downpour. They will undoubtedly play most of the numbers off their debut release "Sound of Freedom". Also, let me see you wiggle a little to **Iguana Jive** tomorrow night at The Fin. 9:00 Show time.

John Bizarre and **Charlie Laborte** have

rds, and Booze

URDAY	SUNDAY 22	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25
n Chase from pinning Party Mix. y Hour 8-10pm	DJ Sal Soul: Salsa $2 drink specials and salsa contest	DJ Wally spins 70's and 80's music. $2 pints.	DJ Sparky all request night - $2 beer and drinks all night.	DJ Greg Dean and The Bang- $2 happy hour 8-10pm
n" 9-1	Military Night ½ price pool with ID	College Night ½ Price Pool w/I.D.	1 hour FREE pool from 7pm with THE SUN ad	Ladies Night ½ Price Pool
	closed	KPIG Blues Bait	Reggae night featuring "Unshakable Race"	"Andy Santana and the West Coast Playboys"
/ DJ Mike $6	closed	US Manpower Male and Female Burlesque $5	closed	Country Night w/ DJ Johnny Morgan
De Milo" 9:15pm	call for info	call for info	All Star Night- jam with local musicians. Sign up -8pm Show starts at 9pm	"Mockingbird" unpolugged 8pm
9-10:30 with John & Charlie Laborte by music by Exchange. $8	OASIS and DJ Tropical 2000 Live On-Air w/KCTY-KRAY $5	Loco Lunes: KDON Latin House Music with DJ Mark Garcia	closed	closed
bird Unplugged	Three Spirits Jam Session: Rock, Blues & Jazz Jam at 8PM	Acoustic Rock featuring the "Randy Baldwin Trio"	Mockingbird - unplugged	Club Night featuring "Un'plug'able Race" Win up to $500 cash.
Train" cover	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	"Kailas" 8pm	Grrrls Night Out with Steve Mosely and Karma 9pm

your laugh recipe at Planet Gemini this Thursday through Saturday. Bizarre describes himself as a cartoon, which is pretty accurate. He is one of the most well known comics to visit the Cannery Row Venue in the past several months. You may have seen him host E channels "Talk Soup". That is if you don't have the same cable company I do (you know, the one that axed VH-1. Let's not get started on that). He was also a regular on MTV's "Comikaze" and a five time winner and semi finalist on Star Search (you know I can't resist the Star Search credits). To sum it up, you'll recognize his face when you see him. In the words of Chuck Barris "he's got a lot a good stuff". Johnny B.'s not all you get for your money at The Planet. They're giving you Charlie Laborte to boot. You can see him soon on Fox's "Comic Strip Live." He was discovered by Sandi Shore (Pauli's mama) who owns the world famous "Comedy Store" in Los Angeles. His impressions are especially funny. Show times are 9-10:30, with Rock and R&B dance standards by Foreign exchange following the weekend performances.

Downtown

Props to Three Spirits for their **Monterey Rock Scene CD release party** at McGarrett's last Friday. Ten bands were showcased and the place was packed. Maybe rock can work on the weekend guys? In the name of good healthy partying let's give it a shot! Of special note (all the rest of you were good too, keep your pants on), I thought **KYFE** (formerly Free Ears) sounded especially hot (Tom Ayers elevates everyone he plays with), blending several musical styles into their own unique sound fabric. Good show hot wheels!

Acoustic music ensemble **Heartstrings** will perform with vocalist Mary Ann Randle at Morgans Coffee and Tea this Friday at 8:00. The outfit includes Patti Walters on fiddle, Pualette Lynch on hammered dulcimer (uh, maybe it's time for a new one Paulette! - just ribbin' ya), Pat Skinner on mandolin, Marj Ingram on guitar, and Margie Dally on Cello. According to Walters, "Mary Ann will add a special dimension to our music for this particular concert. Her voice is wonderful and her interpretation of traditional songs is thrilling." Their set will include songs from Eastern Europe, the British Isles, and good old America. $7 at the door.

Monterey Billiards has three solid shows in a row for you Tonight through Saturday. Kicking things off at 9:30 is old time Monterey blues favorite **Alligator and his Bayou Blues Band**. Tomorrow, **Vera** will perform its brand of classic rock from 7-9:00, and Saturday Bay Area rockers **Vegas De Milo** will serve up there KMBY single "Teen Age Porn Star" among other goodies. Lastly, you've got three chances to **catch Mockingbird Unplugged** and in flight at Viva this week. Take your pick of Friday, Saturday, or Tuesday and you won't be disappointed. Last Saturday the crew and I saw two of the cats from The Mystery Machine (a quartet of vocalists) sit in with Mockingbird. They played a vast assortment of Beetles tunes with perfect three part harmonies. I can't tell you all how much I enjoyed this. OUT.

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What's Going On

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

Take it easy… maybe…

There is a spot that we run on KPIG that says, "Going to work is hard, drinking beer is easy…"

Sometimes what comes easy just isn't the right thing to do. For example, take staying in a band that is working steadily. From the outside, it would seem that if the band has work, the band is successful. One hopes that, if the band has work, it is making money. Certainly, if the band has work, it is being appreciated. Surely if the band has work, it is better than no work, right? Maybe not.

Being in a band is like being married, only to a lot more people. If men are from Mars and women are from Venus and Drummers are form Neptune and Bassists are from Uranus….why, oh why, would anyone expect a five or six piece band to be able to communicate better than a duo…which is what most marriages propose to be.

Here we are, just a couple of weeks away from the Monterey Blues Festival, which is one of the premier events of the Monterey Bay music scene… in fact one of the premium events of the whole West Coast and bands are going through more changes than the cast of the Seven Year Itch.

I think that it is going to be an interesting summer for lots of players at the local and national levels. As the Chinese curse says, "May you live in interesting times."

Once everybody gets over the irritation and anger that is fueling all of the changes, there should be some superb music happening from all of the cross pollination.

Robben Ford and his band Blue Line have split. Chris Cain has re-formed his band. Many of the acts who will be appearing at the festival are changing after the show. Look for a change in the lineup for John "Broadway" Tucker's Broadway Band. Blue Nova is changing as Storm Nilson goes out on his own. The core of Blue Nova is a good band in its own right and should continue to perform. Storm should do well whether he is fronting a new band or playing in someone else's band. Nickel and a Nail will fragment into several other projects. All of the players involved are good players, they will be around in different and potentially improved situations.

With bands, like any relationship where the people no longer fit the expectations of their partners, unless there is a willing compromise, sometimes it's just time to move on…. and grow again somewhere else.

Rand Elliot Rueter hosts "The Blues Bus" on KPIG, 107.5 FM and is the lead singer/guitarist for Blues Bait and Nickel and a Nail.

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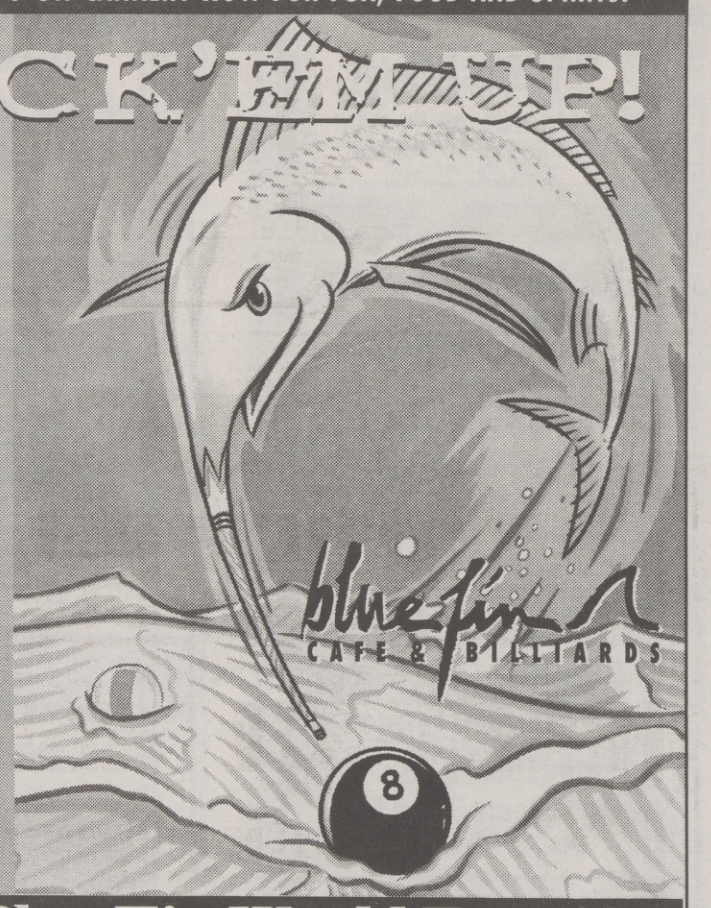

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On Wed. and Thurs., guitarist **Robert McNamera**, on Fri. and Sat. harpist **Julie Alexander** at the **Bay Club** at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Music from 6:30 - 10:30pm.

June 20

Acoustic music quintet, **Heartstrings,** will play a special concert with vocalist Mary Ann Randl at **Morgan's Coffee and Tea** at 8pm. Admission: $7 door. For more information call 659-4318.

June 25

Karaoke at **The Running Iron** in Carmel Valley. For more information call 659-4633.

June 28

Buddy Collettee Quartet plays jazz at **The Jazz Store** in the Crossroads in Carmel. Show starts at 7:30pm, tickets $20/ $10 students. For more information or reservations call 624-6432.

Pianist **George Winston** performs a benefit concert at Sunset Center Theater in Carmel at 8pm. Tickets on sale now, $20, call 624-3996.

June 28-29

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July 5

Bobby Valentino at Galante Vineyards 6pm -?. Black tie optional, cowboy boots required, an independence day celebration. Dinner under the Cachagua stars with food provided by Tarpy's Roadhouse, and dance to jazz and western swing sounds. Proceeds benefit the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. Call 1-800 GALANTE for reservations and more information.

August 2

BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet at Galante Vineyards, 3-7pm in Cachagua. Cajun and zydeco music with blues, country, Tex-Mex, Caribbean and rock. Proceeds benefit the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. Call 1-800 GALANTE for reservations and more information.

August 30

Asleep at the Wheel at Galante Vineyards in Cachagua, 3-7pm. Bring a picnic and dance to the Texas Swing Music. Proceeds benefit the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. Call 1-800 GALANTE for reservations and more information.

EVENTS

June 16-21

California State Amateur Golf Championship at Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill golf courses. For more information call 624-3811.

June 21

The "Wine Brats - the wine group that doesn't suck" holds its **Monterey Summer** Solstice kick off by the bay on Cannery Row from 6:30- 8:30 pm. For more information call 646-5446.

World Whale Day at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History located at Forest and Central in Pacific Grove 10am-1pm. Including slive/video • presentations and educational programs. At 2pm a **whale sand sculpture contest** at Asilomar Beach. At 5:30 a **Whale of a Party** at Jewell Park including potluck, story telling, music, artists and booths. For more information call 655-1127.

How to Run an Effective Meeting seminar will be presented by the National Women's Political Caucus or Monterey Bay from 9:30 am to noon at the Marina Courthouse at 3180 Del Monte in Marina. Admission is $10 for members and $15 for non-members. For more information call 659-3933.

June 22

The Barnyard's Shopping Village's 21st Birthday Party from 2pm-6pm at The Barnyard in Carmel. Activities and events include music, appetizers, champagne, birthday cake, tours, treasure hunts, and discounts on purchases from selected stores.

June 28

Cachagua Community Country Fair, call 659-4433 for more information.

Strawberries Etcetera celebration from 8:30am to 1pm at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel's Fellowship Hall on Paso Hondo and Village Drive in Carmel Valley. Events include a pancake breakfast, strawberry deserts, bake sale and music. Breakfast: $5 adults, $3:50 children. For more information call 659-2278.

June 29

Animals in Art, with a lecture by Dick Crispo and art raffle to benefit the Carmel Art Association and the SPCA. 3pm at the Carmel Art Association on Dolores between 5ht and 6th, for more information call 624-6176.

July 12-13

4H, FAA and Western Horse Show at the Monterey Fairgrounds. For more information call 625-2222.

July 22-27

Pacific Grove's **Feast of Lanterns,** featuring food, entertainment, fireworks and more. For more information call 372-7625.

September 20

Annual Days of Wine and Roses, at Galante Vineyards, 10-4pm. Includes a walking tour of the Rose Gardens, a winery tour and tasting, an outdoor Mexican fiesta, luncheon, and music. Call 1-800 GALANTE for reservations and more information.

WHAT'S HOT

Dining at the Sign of the GIANT EAT

By Tom Wilmer

One of the most frustrating aspects of long-distance travel by car is finding a decent restaurant. Back home, there's no problem. You know right where to go for the best oat-bran burgers, tofu enchiladas and bean curd ice cream.

Out on the road though, you're in alien territory.

Along the interstate, gaggles of Plexiglas signs proclaim, "Breakfast served 24-Hours, Complete Chicken-Fried Dinner from $4.95" or "Senior Discounts" and "Children Eat Free." But which one serves great grub?

That's why McDonald's and Burger King are so successful—the food sure isn't gourmet but at least the traveling American family knows, beforehand, exactly what their meal is going to look and taste like. Stray from the chains and you are on your own. There are no guidebooks for dining along the open road.

A few years back, Jerry Johnson (a fellow contractor) and I were asked to build a house in Aspen, Colorado. I picked Jerry up at his eighty-year-old log cabin near Mt. Rainier, Washington, and we headed east across the Cascades toward the Rockies. After no more than two hours on the road, Jerry grunted and mumbled, "Giant eat."

"What?" I asked.

He responded by pointing at a restaurant up ahead and demanding that we stop there for lunch.

"How do you know the place is any good, Jerry?"

"It's simple. I always stop at the diners that have giant EAT signs out front. If a place doesn't have an EAT sign in the window or a gargantuan, neon EAT sign rotating on top of a fifty-foot-high flagpole out front, I won't eat there. Reluctantly, I obliged and pulled in. The meal wasn't *too* bad— but I'm sure that particular giant EAT restaurant is a rich resource of job security for the local heart surgeons.

As we climbed back in the truck, Jerry said, "Promise me you'll only stop at EAT restaurants for the rest of the trip."

I agreed, again with more than a small dose of reluctance, but at least I can now proudly boast that I've dined in just about every giant EAT restaurant between Washington State and Colorado

My favorite giant EAT is located just off Interstate 84, close to the Idaho border, in Ontario, Oregon.

It wasn't the meal that made the place so memorable, it was the entertainment. Like so many rural cafes and restaurants, there was the obligatory bar in the back—the kind of place where the hard-core locals hang out and where tourists, who dare to intrude, receive long, hard stares from guys with long sideburns and scruffy beards and the obligatory extra-large guy with the Caterpillar baseball cap on his balding head with "Loggers World" suspenders clamped to baggy, oil-stained Levis.

We arrived just in time to see a chisel-faced Marlboro Man, atop a 16-hand-high palomino, navigate his way up to the bar, hunker down, and casually demand, "Make it a Bud for me— and one for my horse, too, as long as you're at it."

Not more than a minute after Jerry and I started shoveling down our first forkfuls of sustenance, we heard the distinct sound of clomping horse hooves, followed by a very loud whinny, emanating from the back bar. A moment of silence—then we heard the sounds of crashing chairs and tumbling tables followed by wild clapping and the roar of laughter.

"Sounds like a knock-down drag-out bar fight," I told Jerry.

Jerry responded, " Sure does. Let's check it out!"

We arrived just in time to see a chisel-faced Marlboro Man, atop a 16-hand-high palomino, navigate his way up to the bar, hunker down, and casually demand, "Make it a Bud for me—and one for my horse, too, as long as you're at it."

This delighted the bar crowd and they wildly whistled, stomped their feet, and guffawed in appreciation.

The cowpoke and his horse downed their beers, then casually turned around (knocking down two more tables in the process) and headed back out the door. While exiting, the Marlboro man had to scrunch down real low to clear the top of the doorway. He turned, tipped his hat just like the Lone Ranger, and steered his horse back out into the brisk night air of Ontario.

Like I was saying, there's really no way of knowing beforehand just what you're in for when you stop at a roadside restaurant. One thing's for sure though, if you follow Jerry Johnson's advice and stop only at the restaurants with a giant EAT sign out front, sooner or later something interesting is bound to happen.

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When some publicity person hit on the cowboy for Philip Morris' trade mark, it was pure genius. Because for the rest of the world, the cowboy is America. He symbolizes our richness, our endless plains, our forests, breathtaking mountains, farms, and our success.

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He is always closely linked with the vast herds of cattle and sheep grazing our western plains, because herding is his low paying unromantic job. But not for Philip Morris' Marlboro man, he is glamorous, sexy and handsome.

Those millions of cattle are not just grazing our plains. In the present, widespread areas of the globe have been taken over by the mass meat producers and their herds. David Wright Hamilton, University of Georgia biologist, wrote that "an alien ecologist observing Earth might conclude that cattle is the dominant species in our biosphere."

Let's take a look at what our red meat passion is doing to the world, because everything we do to nature changes it. According to the President's Council on Environment quality (CEQ), Marlboro Country is rapidly becoming a vast desert, not Sahara desert type sand dunes but just a vast empty expanse in which the natural vegetation has been supplanted by mesquite and sage brush, the native wildlife of tarantulas, horned toads, and rattlesnakes.

More than a third of the US gets less than twenty inches of rain a year. In other words arid, meaning that there is never enough water, we're desert-like anyhow.

Overgrazing or "improvident pasturage" as the CEQ calls it, is the principle cause of this desertification. This grazing is expected to take over 30 percent of our land in some twenty years. Our hamburger hunger has simply put more cattle on our fragile lands than they can handle.

Ranchers, and nowadays big oil and mining companies as well, are subsidized by our government with ridiculously low fees to use our public lands, like $1.35 a month for a cow and calf. "This is less than you would pay to feed your cat for a week" reports Natural Defense Council's Johanna Wald.

"An alien ecologist observing Earth might conclude that cattle is the dominant species in our biosphere." - David Wright Hamilton, University of Georgia Biologist

We are "mining" ground water as if it were inexhaustible, pumping more water out of the ground than nature is putting back in, frequently going down 3,500 feet.

We see that Marlboro Country is becoming a desert with polluted and salty streams and soil, eroded hillsides, massive flooding, sinking land and declining water tables. Be aware it's not just in OUR country. Marlboro Country now takes in places like Brazil, where millions of acres of rain forest have been stripped of trees to make room for cattle. Perhaps the Marlboro man and his country are not as attractive as Philip Morris would have us believe. What about veggie burgers?

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OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

Adulterous Morons?

Golly, can you imagine how much trouble we would have been in, if "our people in Washington" had managed to get us into World War Three, and our survival might have depended on bomber pilots who may have had one or more adulterous affairs at some time during their military careers? Certainly pilots like that wouldn't be able to read a map, and probably would get easily confused by all of the controls in front of them.

Rather than just summarily discharge all of these adulterous, yet well educated government employees, I think they should just be quietly transferred to positions in Congress or the White House. There their "pasts" would be more acceptable, and far less dangerous to our country than if they remained in our military services.

And, it wouldn't be just bomber pilots. What about admirals whose adulterous "pasts" might cause them to forget right in the middle of a big sea battle, whether it was "port" or "starboard" that meant a right turn? An enemy admiral, knowing that the U.S. admiral opposing him had once spent a night with a lady he had just met, could just hold his fleet back until all of our ships had run into each other.

We definitely must take steps to avoid these dangers. Rather than just summarily discharge all of these adulterous, yet well educated government employees, I think they should just be quietly transferred to positions in Congress or the White House. There their "pasts" would be more acceptable, and far less dangerous to our country than if they remained in our military services.

There is no way, that I can think of, that would avoid getting an occasional person in our armed forces to not commit such a terrible crime as adultery. We certainly could not prohibit such people from running for various political positions. Sometimes, there aren't any acceptable choices, even without the new adultery issue.

That reminds me, some of the Coffee Shop gang were talking about Washington, DC, issues, and trying to remember the name of Wilbur Mills' girlfriend. Anybody out there remember?

SPORTS

Sports Raw

By Mike Hohler

What's With the SF Voters?

First of all, if you didn't watch the Stanley Cup Finals, the Detroit Red Wings won ice hockey's championship by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games. If you are a Red Wing fan just because you've just started liking hockey and went with a good team then you are not a true fan of the team. But, on the other hand, if you have been a lifelong fan of Detroit and have endured over 40 years of not winning the Stanley Cup...congratulations. These are the true fans who still pull for their team even through the tough years to be finally rewarded with a championship. Imagine being a Cubs fan. The team hasn't won a world series in nearly 90 years. Those are some of the best fans in the world. But if you are going to start liking the Red Wings just because they won the Cup, you are a loser sports fan.

I can hear the public address announcer now: "Welcome to the new stadium! Home of the last place San Francisco 49ers!"

Since this complaining thing seems to be a good way to write about something, I'll complain about something else that has really ticked me off. Two weeks ago, the voters in San Francisco approved a measure that will allow the San Francisco 49ers to design and eventually build a new stadium for the football team. What makes me so mad is that this was the first time that a measure having to do with the 49ers and a new stadium was on the ballot--and it passed! Why am I so mad? Here's why. It took at least six ballot measures for the voters to pass a new stadium for the San Francisco Giants. After many years of frustration, the Giants will finally be getting a new stadium at China Basin in 2000. But what I want to know is why did it take six, seven, eight ballots for the Giants and only one for the stinkin' 49ers? Yeah, maybe the 49ers have won five Super Bowls and the Giants have yet to win a World Series since moving to San Francisco in 1958 but that should make no difference. Of course I'm totally for the Giants in this situation but even if I was a 49ers fan as well, it would make me upset that the voters never passed a Giants stadium until the very last second while passing the 49ers measure on the first try.

Oh well...the fans of the 49ers and the voters of San Francisco will realize that they've made a mistake and should have turned down the stadium and let the team move to Los Angeles in due time. The way I see it, by the time the 49ers get a new stadium, all of the current superstars will have retired and the team will be nothing. I can hear the public address announcer now: "Welcome to the new stadium! Home of the last place San Francisco 49ers!"

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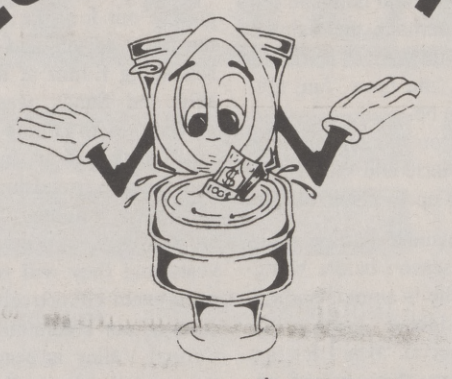

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VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

By Joseph Hertlein

Running Iron

This great restaurant in the Village has just expanded with the addition of a private room for meetings, banquets and special get-togethers. The first official gathering in the new room took place last Wednesday June 11th when the Board of Directors for the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC), met for lunch. The room has rough sawn wood walls which are covered with old photographs of Carmel Valley and the Monterey Peninsula along with other memorabilia. Owners Jan and Nelson Foreman, pictured here, have done a fantastic job of finishing this room. It is bright, airy and a delightful place to be. One really feels comfortable and relaxed. Like the rest of the Running Iron, the new room looks like it has been here for many years. It wasn't until we were half way through lunch that I remembered the space used to be the Village Pharmacy. Hard to believe that was less than a year ago. If you are planning a party for 40-50 people, this room is a great place for it. And of course you get the same delicious food and good beers on tap as served at the Running Iron. It is also a great room for local businesses that need a medium sized conference room close by. Even if you don't need a full meal served, it is easy to have your favorite snacks or spirits served. This new room is a great addition to the Village.

CVVIC

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee's Board of Directors met last Wednesday, as I mentioned at the Running Iron, and their general membership meeting was last Friday. This group continues to work ardently to extend the Village pathway system and to raise the funds necessary to complete the purchase of the 1.44 acre addition to the park. With regards to the latter there will be a fund-raiser this July at the Trail & Saddle Club which will be a horseshoe tournament. In October, CVVIC is planning the return of Monte Carlo night. Both of these events will be lots of fun and keep reading this column for details. The pathway in front of Wills Fargo Restaurant is complete. It is a really nice job. Next the pathway will be extended in front of the Oak Deli. This should be complete by the end of June.

Lunch Special at the Ridge

One of the best places for lunch in the Valley has just gotten even better. I didn't think that was possible. The Ridge Restaurant at Robles del Rio Lodge, besides offering fabulous dinners and breath-taking views of the Valley, has also always been a great place for lunch. Now, owner Glen Gurries, is offering to contribute one-half of the cost of your lunch to the Help Our Park fundraising campaign. What a great opportunity to have a delicious lunch, take in the beautiful views of the Valley and contribute to the Park, which you can easily see from your window side table. I have always been impressed by the food and the views at the Ridge. Be sure to take advantage of this generous offer. Enjoy the Ridge for lunch and at the same time Help Our Park. You might also want to check out their fantastic Spa facilities. Next week I'll give you more details about it.

Little League

The regular season has concluded, and now we are into the playoffs and All-stars. Last week playoff results were the Rattlers beating the Braves for the Minor AA League title in a single game match and the Lions besting the Volunteers in their three game series. Pictured here is the Rattlers moments after their victory. I'll try and get other pictures of winning teams for next weeks column. Both teams play in the Tournament of Champions. The Rattlers this past Saturday lost to the Continental Giants from Salinas in a game in Gonzales. Next Saturday, the Lyons will play their first tournament game.

I know that the Rattlers were disappointed that they lost 14 to 2; but they have a lot of things to be proud off. They played well against a team that has played the season with a different set of rules, particularly the one about stealing home. It is a goofy rule for their age level. This really put the Rattlers at a disadvantage. They can be proud of their great performance throughout this season. They came from behind a couple of times to claim victory. Each of the team members played better as the season progressed. They had great coaches. They came together as a team and

really helped and encouraged one another. These comments are not only true of the Rattlers, it is also in may ways true of each of the Carmel Valley Little League Teams.

On Saturday the Rattlers were competing against a team that practices two hours a day, five days a week. Wow! Is this Little League or is this preparing to be drafted by the Giants or Oakland A's? This seems way too intense. The coaches from Salinas were intense. What impressed me was CV Little League President, Peter Dew's comment that "I'd rather loose with grace than win with their (Salinas coaches) attitude." While for our kid's sake, it would have been nice to win, they can be proud of their efforts. One of the Giants parents told me after the game their team routinely beat other teams this season 23 and 28 to 0. In that context, the Rattlers did a great job. They also had a fun season, and they also did some other things with their lives. I think it is unnecessary and a bit young for 9 -11 year olds spending 10+ hours a week practicing baseball. Competition is good, and we should strive to win; but winning is not everything If you want your kid to grow up and compete for the Major Leagues, then perhaps the Salinas team is the place to be. If you want to learn the fundamentals of the game, and have fun, CV Little League is the place to be.

I also want to comment on the outstanding support of Howard, Ann Marie and the rest of the Rosen Family showing up to cheer on the Rattlers. Their daughter Jovanna, had been on the Rattlers earlier in the season before being drafted up to the majors. She is an outstanding player and won the Presidents' Award this year. There should be a special award for the entire family. Time after time they showed up at Rattler Games to cheer the team on even after their daughter moved on. Not to mention all the games their own children were involved with that they also attended. This family, like a lot of families in the Valley, are Little League supporters extraordinare! Their showing up Saturday, with a bag full of homemade rattles, whistles and banners made a big difference. The team and their parents really appreciated it. Bravo!!

Promise Keepers to Meet

The Men At Workshop will meet this Saturday, June 21st at the Activity House at 7:30 a.m. There will be a special video presentation by Dr. Weber from Promise Keepers on "Turning Your Hearts Towards Your Children." The video focuses on a man's relationship to his children. This meeting is especially open to all Valley fathers and sons who are invited to attend. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Farewell & Good Luck Leaders!

We are about to temporarily loose one of the finest families the Valley and Peninsula have ever had. The Leaders, Lewis, Sandy and their daughter Samara, will soon be heading off to Toledo, Ohio where Lewis will become the Managing Editor of the Toledo Blade. Their gain is our loss. Lewis and Sandy are two of the finest editors and writers. Lewis had been Managing Editor at the Herald before it was sold and Sandy was Senior Editor of the Adventures in Dining Guide. They brought so much truth, insight, humor, quick come-backs, and genuine friendship to our lives in addition to active volunteerism in the community. Hopefully, the move is temporary for about ten years and they will return to retire here and once again collectively add to the culture and class of our community. While the scenery in Carmel Valley is beautiful, it is families like the Leader's who really make our community a great place to live. Subscriptions to the Toledo Blade can be obtained by calling: (419) 245-6300.

SHERIFF'S LOG

June 6, 1997

Carmel Valley: In front of Oak Deli, an individual served a woman with court papers. The woman's boyfriend got mad and wanted to fight. The server avoided a fight but desired to make a report for future reference.

Carmel: A man was driving his brand new 4x4 Dodge Dakota on a fire road near his house in Carmel Highlands. He attempted to turn off the road onto a steep slope and got stuck, tow truck was called.

At the Barnyard, an anonymous male returned her husband's check book. He had seen three males pick up the checkbook and wallet. He also reported the license number of the suspects. The suspects were three juveniles who did have in their possession the stolen wallet, it was recovered and no charges pressed.

June 8, 1997

Pebble Beach: A man reported that a woman kicked his new BMW. The woman admitted to kicking the car.

Carmel: A woman reported someone stole a necktie from its box that she gave to her husband at a birthday party at the Mission Inn.

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